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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 10, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. September 10, 2008 is two months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Thus, this Amendment and Reply is timely filed in the early-response period.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: